

Revivals.

FOR ZION'S HERALD.

MALDEN CENTRE.

BR. BROWN.—God is favoring us in this place with a most gracious display of his goodness in the salvation of sinners. About twelve, within a few days, we humbly trust, have found peace with God. Our altar has been crowded with anxious inquirers for several evenings past. Last evening, thirty presented themselves as the subjects of prayer.

Our brethren feel for souls, and are possessed with the true spirit of labor. A deep seriousness seems to pervade the entire congregation; and could we see the heart as in a mirror, I doubt not we should discover many a one ready to cry out, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." That the glorious work begun among us, may be carried forward, until the shout of victory shall be proclaimed upon every housetop, and a ruined world redeemed from sin, is the ardent desire, and prayer of

Yours, &c., H. B. SKINNER.

Malden, Mass., Sept. 29.

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LOUDON CAMP-MEETING.

BR. BROWN.—I have been requested to give you a brief notice of our Camp-meeting at Loudon. The meeting commenced on Monday, the 18th inst., and was continued until the next Saturday. The weather was fine. Every thing in the order of Divine Providence conspired to render the meeting interesting and profitable; and to make the whole scene impressive in the highest degree. The place was made sacred by the presence of Him who is worshipped and adored in temples not made with hands.

On the day the meeting commenced, while our brethren and friends were engaged in erecting their tents, a scene awful and alarming was presented before us. While our brethren from Canterbury were building their tent, in raising the ridge pole, which was a large green maple, when nearly up, it fell the distance of about fifteen feet, and struck with its full force on the head of Brother Bradley. It brought him apparently lifeless to the ground, and fractured the skull, in a most shocking and fatal manner. After a short time, he showed some signs of life, but never spoke after he received the fatal blow. His groans indicated excruciating pain. He continued in this state until Wednesday morning, when he expired, leaving his family, and a large circle of Christian friends to lament their loss. He had served God in his generation, and though suddenly called away, he left a good evidence that he rested from labor, "where the weary are at rest."

By this alarming Providence, we were all taught that there is "but a step between us and death." It was a sermon of awful import. It was the eloquence of death crying "Prepare to meet thy God."

The preaching at this meeting was of the plain, practical kind, attended by the Spirit of God to the hearts of those who heard. The church was well engaged in the work, and the united labors of God's servants and people were not in vain. It was judged that from *thirty* to *forty* experienced peace with God, being justified by faith. Many rejoiced in that perfect love which casteth out all fear; and blessed God for the inward witness that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin.

Our congregations were large and serious, and, almost without an exception, manifested respect for the worship of God and the rules of the meeting. We were fully confirmed in what we had thought of before—that the devil never goes to Camp-meeting to disturb the worship of God, unless he can get run over. This is his most powerful agent, and he who sells it his most faithfully. J. M. FULLER.

Concord, N. H., Sept. 6, 1837.

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DERRY CAMP-MEETING.

BR. BROWN.—Our Camp-meeting at Derry close this morning, by an address from our worthy Presiding Elder, Dr. Cass, and the usual ceremony of taking the parting hand. Many circumstances conspire to make this meeting one of the best I ever attended. The weather was fine—there was a large and attentive congregation, the preachers were well engaged and every thing went on harmoniously with few exceptions, and those occasioned by rain.

Eternity alone can unfold fully the good result from this meeting. A large number were converted, principally men, and many sanctified and cleansed from all sin. The work of holiness seems to be advancing in a powerful manner on many circuits and stations on this district. The cry for clean hearts heard from almost all. May it continue, until scriptural holiness is spread all over this land.

W. H. HATCH, Sec'y.

Nashua, Sept. 26, 1837.

P. S.—The church in this place is well engaged, and I think going on to perfection. Of course, God is converting sinners. Many have been converted within a few weeks past, and still many more are seeking the pearl of great price.

This is my second year in this place. About one hundred were converted the past year, but I think the prospect has never been better for a general revival, than at the present. The influence of our Camp-meetings in this vicinity, is felt in this place. May the fire continue to burn deeper and wider.

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GUILFORD AND HARTLAND CAMP-MEETINGS.

BR. BROWN.—I am permitted to make a good report of the above named meetings. The number in attendance was considerably above what I had previously anticipated; and we had good evidence that they came to receive, and to do good.

The preachers were spiritual and laborious; and the brethren manifested a very ardent desire for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Many hungered and thirsted for full redemption in the blood of the Lamb, and we believe were filled with perfect love.

The number reclaimed and converted, were supposed to be something above seventy-five at Guilford, and fifty at Hartland; and thus we think but a small part of the good result from these meetings. Already the work of God is commencing in the vicinity of the meetings. The God of Israel be praised.

E. JORDAN.

Bellows Falls, Vt., Sept. 27.

Missionary.

[From the Christian Guardian.

Aldersville, Sept. 5, 1837.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—I have been spending a short time at this mission, and am happy to be able to inform you that it is in a pleasant and encouraging state of prosperity. The tract of land upon which the Grape-Island Indians are now settling, is beautifully situated, about three miles from the south shore of Rice Lake; it is covered with excellent timber of various kinds—the soil is a rich loam—and is well adapted for all agricultural purposes—and affords the Indians ample encouragement to exert themselves in raising crops for the support of their families. In the new village there are now about twelve comfortable houses, beside a large school house, which will be used at present as a chapel; this has been built by the Indians at their own expense, and is a pleasing proof of their desire for the instruction of their children. They have already cleared between forty and fifty acres of their land, and in some of their gardens there are very fair crops of potatoes, corn, &c.

Our Quarterly Meeting was attended by the Indians from the old Rice Lake Mission; the house was full, and the Indians seemed very happy.

following were some of their expressions of joy and satisfaction in the service of their Divine Master.

William Beaver.—Brothers and sisters, it is now ten years since I set out to serve the Great Spirit. The first five years of the same I was very happy, and loved the Great Spirit much; but for the last five years the devil has tried to have me. I am now trying to escape out of his power. I want you all to pray for me. I feel very happy in my heart this morning. This is all I have to say.

Jacob Shippagan.—"My brothers and sisters, I am very happy this morning. When I first heard the words of the Great Spirit, I was shut up in total darkness, and was in a dying state. I heard of P. G. being at Belleville speaking the words of the Great Spirit to the Indians, but I thought myself too vile to go and be present where the words of the Great Spirit were taught, so I did not go. The next year I went among the praying Indians, and when I first heard the good way I felt so sick in my heart that for several nights I could not sleep. I then called upon the Great Spirit and he had mercy upon me, and pardoned all my sins. I want to know more of the Lord. The Great Spirit has taken away two of my children. They are gone to heaven, and I want to go after them. I feel quite ill myself, and I often think I have but a short time to stay on earth. I am not afraid to die. I hope to get to heaven. I will always trust in Jesus."

John Snake.—"My brothers and sisters, I am thankful for what the Great Spirit has done for me. When I first heard P. J. preach, he said that the Lord would have mercy upon the poorest and wickedest Indian that lives on earth. Brother Cass told me, that I stink so of tobacco smell, that one might smell me for a mile. It is now six years since I left off using tobacco, and I am none the worse for it. I feel very happy in my heart. I will always trust in Jesus."

Cheif Pah-dosh.—"My brothers and sisters, the Great Spirit has done much for me, and I feel thankful to him for the same. I feel sorry that I have been so unfaithful. I do not wish to give up trying to serve the Lord. I am now looking toward the road that his ministers are pointing out to us. I will try to be faithful. This is all I have to say."

Pashegezhik, (an old grey headed Indian).—"I feel thankful to the Great Spirit for seeing this Love-feast; I have not long to live, and when I die I want to go to our Father's house above. I desire the prayers of my brothers and sisters—owe much to the Lord for having spared me so long, who has kept and preserved my life. I will always bow my knees before the Great Spirit and call upon him as long as I live. This is all I have to say."

Widow Culverton.—"My brothers and sisters, I feel very happy in my heart this morning. I was once blind and all in darkness; but now I see clearly the way to heaven, and I long to go and be with Jesus in Isipeming, and all the good people who have gone before. I am waiting for his coming to receive me. I am glad to see our ministers who tell us the way to heaven. I will always trust in Jesus."

John Kaboway.—"My brothers and sisters, I am very glad to see this Love-feast, and to hear of the Herald on which the Herald is printed. Unless our subscribers furnish it to us, promptly, we shall be obliged to go still deeper in debt, for the means to meet our engagements. Will our agents attend promptly to the bills we are now sending out, and also try to send us a few new subscribers to supply the place of those whom the hard times rub from our list?"

IS IT HONEST?

A great deal has been said about the support of the gospel among us, and very many have been the supposed causes of the fact, that our ministers get hardly one-half their allowance, and that other institutions of the church, which depend on pecuniary efforts, languish and often die. The evil, probably, cannot be attributed to any one cause. Many things have combined to produce this lamentable result.

The want, in many places, of stewards who will act efficiently at the proper time, and on the right principle, has had its full share in filling the pockets of our ministers with poverty, and the treasury of the church with want.

But there is another cause, not often named, because it is personal, and would give offence; which has largely contributed to bring about this melancholy state of things. We mean the failure of many friends and members of the church to fulfil their solemn promises. It is well known, that the principle of voluntary contribution, is the one on which we generally proceed in raising our annual supplies. It is a good principle. May it continue while the world stands. The stewards take the subscription book at the commencement of the year, that is, those who attend to their duty, and call on all the members and friends of the church to obtain their subscription for a specified sum. *Four or five hundred dollars is in this way obtained, and the pledge is, that it shall be paid quarterly, in advance.*

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Yours, truly, J. STINSON.

How truly delightful will it be to see the gospel of ever-blessed God producing the same principles in the hearts of all our Indians as are expressed in these simple statements—for this lot us labor with unweary diligence, and "pray without ceasing."

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RELIGION AND MORALS.—On Sunday, Mr. Slicer, the chaplain, preached at the Capitol. In the course of his sermon, speaking of the power of the gospel, he alluded to the striking illustration, furnished by the Choctaw Indians. In quietness and submission they left the land of their fathers' graves, and proceeded to the place of their destination, because the gospel had taught them to suppress the feeling of revenge and to submit to the will of Providence. On the other hand the Seminoles, to whom the gospel had not been carried by the preachers of the gospel, were inflamed with a spirit of revenge, and after a war, costing 11 millions, last year, were still unsubdued.

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